

BRIEF HISTORY OF MEMORIAL PARK



In May 1946 a civic minded citizen, Eddie Miller decided that Newmanstown should honor the men and women who served in the armed forces.

He was told by many whom he approached, to assist in soliciting funds for the project, that it could not be done.

A meeting was held at his home on June 5, 1946 with the following present; John Snyder, Howard Snyder, Miles Kissinger, George Engle, Elwood Brice, Sr., Irwin Keath, Howard Riehl, Jr., and Lester Schaeffer. This was the beginning of the Memorial Park Association.

Many meetings were held at his home discussing ways and means of raising funds for the project.

The meetings are now held in the High School building, since many more civic minded citizens have become interested in the memorial park.

In the autumn of 1946 when work was started on the memorial park a total of twelve thousand dollars had been accumulated.

Many numerous ways to raise funds were used with great success, the citizens of the entire township helped to raise the funds.

The plot of ground which is now the Memorial Park was donated by Mrs. Edith Peterson in memory of her nephew, Russell Coldren who paid the supreme sacrifice in the recent world war and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Coldren.

We hope the entire township will continue their undivided support in maintaining this Memorial Park as a tribute to her sons, who paid the supreme sacrifice.

—Elsie E. Goldman